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GORHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Another New Organization

The first of a series of organizational meetings was held January 18, at Gorham, Kansas a small community eight miles west of Russell. Since then temporary officers have worked with the pastor, the Rev. Hans Poppe, in the furthering of the organization. A constitution has been written and adopted by the interested parties who have in turn elected their permanent officers for the year. The group has purchased a communion set and a baptismal font.

At present meetings are being held in an old store building. When organization is completed, the members are considering taking steps to erect an adequate building. There is no Protestant Church in the community, yet a recent survey shows that about 40% of the population is Protestant.

On April 15, Dr. Rymph met with the group and presented the nature, privileges and obligations found in the fellowship of Congregational Christian Churches. It is anticipated that the group will request affiliation with the Western Association of Congregational Christian Churches.

During the latter part of April a Visitation Evangelism program was conducted which resulted in more than forty committing themselves to become charter members on Founders Day. May 6. The pastor reports that not a single individual in the group is now or to his knowledge has ever been a member in our fellowship. There were some 96 families on the prospect list, and it is expected that still others will join the group before the Founder's Day services, at which Dr. Rymph will bring the message and give the prayer of consecration. Worship services and Church School classes are held each Sunday.

IN MEMORIAM

Memorial services for Mrs. Elizabeth Toothaker, wife of the Rev. Archie Toothaker, were held in the Tonganoxie Congregational Church on April 10, with the Rev. Dale Turner of Lawrence officiating. Mrs. Toothaker's death on April 6, resulted from injuries received in a car accident at a street intersection in Lawrence.

The Toothakers had made their home in Lawrence for the past six years, but continued to serve our Congregational Church at Tonganoxie where she was active in the Women's Association and many other Church activities. Previous to their coming to Tonganoxie they held pastorates at Downs and Arkansas City. Surviving relatives of Mrs. Toothaker are her husband, and four step children.

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WHAT OTHER'S SAY

"You are to be commended for "Congregational Kansas." A good many new denominational magazines and papers are coming over my desk, but yours is certainly one of the finest of the Congregational state publications. The type face is good, the editing is excellent and there is an interesting arrangement of pictures and news. Congratulations for and outstanding job!"

Robert E. Tinker
Chicago Theological Seminary

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Reception For New Members — Kansas City First Pilgrim
Reading left to right: Mrs. and Mr. John Peterson, Mrs. and Mr. Vincent Wood, Mrs. and Rev. Edgar Winn, Mrs. Harry Seaman, Mrs. and Mr. David Vansant, Joanne, Mrs. and Mr. John C. Powell and Mrs. Frank Korab.

RECEPTION AND FARWELL AT FIRST PILGRIM

On Sunday afternoon April first the members and friends of Kansas City First Pilgrim gathered in the beautifully appointed parlors of the church. The occasion honored thirty-five new members who have joined since the new year, and the Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Winn. The Rev. Mr. Winn left in late April for the west coast where he is serving as chaplain in the Air Force.

Mrs. Gerald Sandy, chairman of the Young Matrons Group gave the welcome to the new members and Mr. L. B. Naylor spoke on behalf of the church to the pastor and his family.

First Pilgrim is proud—and rightfully so—of their lovely building at Twenty-second and Minnesota. The old church, stood at Fifth and Everett in a deteriorating neighborhood. Under the leadership of the Rev. Cyril M. Hicks, the church ventured to the new location. Erecting a building with war resrictions and shortages had its headaches, but thru love and labor, sweat and tears, the new structure became a reality. The first services were held Christmas, 1946, in the incomplete sub-story. Now with the building complete, efforts turn toward increased membership and service. A lay visitation program is being carried out. The Rev. John George Hindley, retired minister, formerly of Wilmette, Illinois, has accepted the call to be the interim pastor, and with Mrs. Hindley will move into the First Pilgrim parsonage by June first.

NEW LIFE IN AN OLD CHURCH

Fifty-six years ago Seabrook Congregational Church was built on the very outskirts of Topeka. Central Congregational Church gave four lots for the building site and was very much interested in the growth and nurture of the little missionary church. Dr. Charles M. Sheldon is said to have encouraged young men from his church to go out to Seabrook for evening services, to help with the Sunday School and the Young People's work. Washburn College students often helped in the programs at Seabrook, but it was necessary for them to walk the long mile from the campus to the church because street car lines did not run so far out. Early day members of the little church owned suburban property near by or were farmers from the south and west neighborhoods.

The city grew and Gage Boulevard became the city limits, bringing the church into the city. Houses became more numerous in the southwest area and the church and Sunday School served the community well. Then came bus lines, better cars and beautiful downtown churches, making it more appealing and easy for people to go farther from home to attend Church and Sunday School. Seabrook Church began to wonder if it could hold it's place in the community, but some who loved the church stood by, anxious that Seabrook Community keep it's "church on the corner."

Rapid growth of the city westward during the last few years and the expansion of the new housing areas has pushed the city limits farther west until today Seabrook Church finds itself in the midst of several hundred new homes and the statement is made by builders that there will be one thousand new houses in Seabrook before the year is out. The city limits have been pushed on westward and there seems to be no limit to the building going on.

Children are the most promising crop now raised on the suburban lots and Seabrook Sunday School finds the walls being pushed out by youngsters. A most capable and sincere staff of teachers and officers handle the crowded situation in an admirable way. At the time there was no resident minister, the parsonage was put to fine use for Sunday School departments and class rooms; but with the coming of Edith and Elmer Erickson, the parsonage was again needed for a home.

A full time program for all groups is carried on in the church and the people are very anxious to expand in all their efforts in church work. All we need is room! Seabrook Comunity is growing every day, Seabrook Church is serving the community and growing with it. Now we must BUILD WITH SEABROOK!

Elmer E. Erickson, Minister

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INDIAN PRAYER

Grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins. Selected.

The First Shovel of Earth by the Rev. Hans Poppe

GROUND BREAKING FOR RUSSELL CHURCH

First Congregational Church of Russell held Ground Breaking Ceremonies on Sunday afternoon, April 15. A long anticipated day had arrived at last. All was in readiness but the ceremony did not begin for 25 minutes. Dr. Rymph was making an 80 mile per hour trip from another appointment and as soon as he was ready to step in line the choir processional moved forward from the sanctuary to the site singing "The Church's One Foundation." The ceremony found its spiritual expression in the prayer of consecration which was offered by the state superintendent.

After the litany, all members received appropriate opportunity to share in the active breaking of ground. A lot of action and joy was seen as energetic efforts were made to break the sod. The people stood on white marked lines which determined the outer perimeter of the educational addition to the church. The church will also have its interior entirely rebuilt.

The Russell folks were very happy to see the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Smith of Ellis in attendance as invited guests. This was the first such venture Mr. Smith had made from his home since his illness.

The contractor began operations on the site April 23rd.

Following the Ground Breaking a reception was held in the church parlors honoring the 75 new members who have been received in the church since December 10. Farwell expressions by Mrs. Ben Phlegar were made to three departing families, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Herron, moving to Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hunt moving to California, and the Buzz Houdyshell family moving to Topeka. An invitation to all to visit the parsonage concluded the afternoon program.

"In faith our fathers here did build
An alter, by whose fire
Their hearts were kindled and were filled
To do Thy world desire.
On sacred soil a-new we rear
Another shrine to Thee;
Speak Thou in love and draw Thou near
In noble majesty."

Theodore B. Lathrop
Hans M. Poppe, Minister

Note—Friends will be pleased to notice that the above poem, chosen by Mr. Poppe for the front of his printed program is by the former minister of our Manhattan Congregational Church. Mr. Lathrop lost his life from suffocation during a fire at the church as he helped get children attending Sunday School out of the building. Since her husband's death Mrs. Lathrop has made her home at Framingham, Mass. She has been a continuous subscriber to Congregational Kansas.

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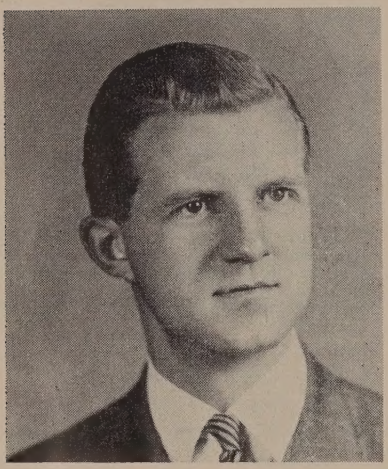
BABY GIRL FOR UPTON'S

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Upton, of Wichita Plymouth, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Rosemary Kay, born April 10.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Jim Bass, President **Judith Tate, Secretary**



The Rev. Henry Rust—Guest Leader Junior Hi Camp

CAMP Wa-Shun-Ga

Junior Hi Camp is fortunate in having the Rev. Henry Rust. National Secretary of Young People's Work as a guest leader June 10-16. Mr. Rust served two years in Great Britain as Assistant Minister in the Warwick Road Congregational Church of Coventry. He studied in Edinburgh from 1945-1947. He is a graduate of Grinnell College and Andover Newton Seminary. He is a versitile and appealing leader of youth.

The Rev. Diosdado Magdamo of the Philippine Islands, educator and pastor, now studying at Hartford Seminary, will be at both Senior and Junior Hi camps. Mr. Magdamo, being one of nine children in a poor family, got his schooling the hard way and finished high school and college at Silliman University rather late in life. His mother was a Roman Catholic and turned against him when he joined the Protestant Church. After finishing at Hartford Seminary he plans to go back to the Philippines to help his country and his people.

Camp spirit is runing high. Publicity has gone out to all the churches. Advance registrations must reach Topeka by May 28th, or an extra dollar will be charged. We have a fine group of Kansas leaders for both camps. It looks like a fine year at Wa-Shun-Ga.

A former camper writes: "There is no ONE reason why I love camp. It's just a lot of little things that have firmly fastened Camp Wa-Shun-Ga in my heart forever. Little things—like singing the blessing before meals; like meeting new friends from all over Kansas; like dashing out to get in line at the camp store; like swimming and boating and laughing a lot; like scampering up the cliffs and over the whole 17 acres on a treasure hunt; like joining hands in the solemn campfire circle songs; and finally, like climbing Vision Hill to the communion service—the communion that signifies the end of a perfect week and a longer, clearer look ahead."

Another camper was inspired to write the following poem:

To me the cliff, the choir and the cross
Remind me—my soul may not be lost
It may have beauty
It must have worth,
I am the equal of any on earth.
God may yet come to me—I am young still
Perhaps He will speak as I climb Vision Hill!
There at Communion I know He'll be near
I don't know why but I feel that this year
He'll make Himself known—And I'm ready to place
My life in His hands, as the future I face.

Whatever my mission—I'll try to fulfill
The task He makes clear to me on Vision Hill.

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EASTERN ASSOCIATION RALLY

The Spring Rally, held at Welborn Community Church in Kansas City on April 13 and 14, was a lot of fun for all concerned—Senior Pilgrims, Jr. Hi Pilgrims, Officers, Sponsors. One thing stood out above everything else—and this was a very important and unfakable item. Welborn made us all so very WELCOME! From the moment of our arrival we were feted, and fed, and led around like the next best thing to McArthur! Smiling Sr. and Jr. Hi P.Fers guided us to our homes of the evening where hostesses offered us everything we could possibly want before we even thought of it; they sat up until 11:30 to feed us a snack before tucking us in for the night. and then after a royal breakfast, even got our their cars and took us back to the church!

The first evening began with us all renewing last summer's acquaintances; meeting the Rev. and Mrs. Reuben Trickey, Mr. Fred Jarvis, Welborn Sponsor; enjoying a delicious dinner; and then playing and singing a while with Uncle Dan Turner. The picture "Again Pioneers," made a great impression on us all; be sure to see this story of the migrant families in our nation—thir cause, care and cure. The Maple Hill Pilgrims led us in a very thoughtful Chapel Service with Uncle Harald Wisegarver providing the message.

By the time recreation rolled around at 10:00 o'clock, those who could still move had a wonderful time grand marching and square dancing and we all joined in the friendship circle for "taps" with Aunt Frances Brewster leading.

The worship service Saturday morning was led by Aunt Julia Dryden and her Junior Hi Pilgrims from Topeka First. "Where Lies the Future" was the timely theme of a talk by the Rev. Reuben Trickey. I wish you could have been at the P. F. Assembly where Harry Schanker and Wayne Stratton, with Uncle Elmer and Uncle Chuck presented the Case for Summer Camp. Then Debbie Brewster wafted us off on a trip to Germany, France and Switzerland, with her to ride 110 miles on a bicycle, learn to speak German, admire the Alps and enjoy the Passion Play. Really it was all delightful!

Of one thing we are sure—Welborn liked having us and we all think they are simply wonderful.

Margaret Epps reporting.

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SOUTHERN RALLY AT EMPORIA

Rumor indeed! (Aunt Ruth wrote in the last issue of Congregational Kansas that she had heard faint rumors of a Southern Rally at Emporia) We not only had a stirring get-together at Emporia on April 6 and 7, but all agree it was one of the best rallies we have ever had. Uncle Steve Williams our host pastor remarked, "During the past weeks, our group has had dragging feet. With the inspiration gained at this rally things are going to be different."

What was the highlight of our two days together? That would be hard to say. Everyone agreed that Uncle Bonny gave us a wonderful talk, which was followed by the Communion Service.

On Saturday, there was Quiet Time at 9:00 in the morning in the lovely church santuary. This was followed by talks and slides on dear old Wa-Shun-Ga, and other P.F. interests. We all enjoyed the film "Boy Meets

Girl." and wish there were more filmstrips like this.

Oh yes, we must not forget the recreation hour Friday night sponsored by Wichita Plymouth, the comical P.F. Assembly on Saturday, and of course the excellent food provided at all times by the Emporia folks. And we were happy to have our State President, Jim Bass, come down from Topeka to help us out.

All in all, a good and profitable time was had by all. No wonder we were pust a little breathless (and maybe just a little sad) as we piled in our cars on Saturday afternoon headed for home.

John Rossel reporting

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McPHERSON PILGRIMS ACTIVE

Both Junior Hi and Senior Pilgrims observed Youth Week in a big way. It started with a food sale on Saturday. The Seniors had charge of the opening worship at the Sunday morning service at which the Rev. Mr. Benson spoke on "Sober Youth." In the evening both groups were host to the new P.F. at Little River. A picnic supper was enjoyed by 41 Pilgrims and sponsors. The discussion which followed was on local problems: how to increase membership, money raising ideas, program and devotional planning and sources of program matrials.

Following the "Work Day for Christ" a dedication of gifts was held at the Sunday evening meeting.

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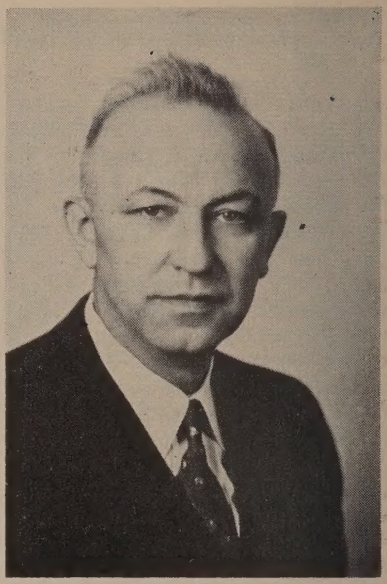
KANSAS AT LA FORET

Our Kansas churches are deeply interested in two important sessions to be held at La Foret this summer. First is the Western Pastor's School and second the Leadership Work Shop. Dr. Allen Wehrli, of Eden Seminary, outstanding interpreter of Old Testament will give leadership at both.



Dr. Allen Wehrli

La Foret is in the Black Forest, seventeen miles from Colorado Springs.

Pastor's School

The dates from June 27 to July 25. Dr. Stanley U. North is again Dean, with other fine leadership making up the faculty. As we go to press, the following Kansas ministers have enrolled: The Rev. Howard Poetter, Leavenworth; The Rev. H. M. Parks, Towanda; The Rev. W. O. Roten, Wheaton; and the Rev. C. G. Nelson, Wakefield.

Leadership Workshop

In cooperation with the Colorado Conference the second annual Leadership Work Shop will be held at La Foret, July 26-29. This period is designed to help leaders in Church School, pastors and others. It also furnishes delightful fellowship and recreation in a cool and beautiful setting. Leaders from Kansas include: Miss Pauline Bloomer, Miss Geraldine Gregg, Mrs. T. A. Howell and Mr. John Rossel.

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. John W. Gibson, President

WELCOME TO SOUTHEAST WICHITA COMMUNITY WOMEN

Wichita officers and past officers of the Women's Department have an unusual opportunity of establishing a new women's society at our new Wichita church. That it may have an auspicious start and be organized according to the patterns set by the National Fellowship of Congregational and Christian women, with special emphasis placed on Kansas needs, a group of Wichita women stand ready, from the beginning, to lend guiding hands.

Most of the women in the new church are young and have children, so the activities will have to be based on that premise. Coming as most of them do from many Protestant denominations—there are a few Congregationalists—they will find our practives vary from those of Methodists, Baptists. Disciples of Christ, Presbyterians and other fellowships, but that our goals are very similar.

We believe that the women of our churches have a peculiar function, that of assuming spiritual leadership and direction for wider and deeper knowledge of the need of Christian teaching and practice, not only at home, but thruout the world. Our literature, our strategy in promoting the Woman's Gift. our Friendly Service work among hospitals and schools, also our devotional training, all are provided to further those purposes.

It is with great pleasure that we Wichita women and those of the state, look forward to having these new Congregational-Christian women become a part of our united efforts.

WOMAN'S GIFT REACHES NEW HIGH

The amount of the 1951 Woman's Gift has just reached my desk. It is $3,636.82, ten times more than the $349.00 given in 1940. Great credit should be given to the efforts of Mrs. R. F. Jack, State chairman, and the Association Chairmen, Mrs. C. J. Topping for Eastern, Mrs. Carl Brinkmeyer for Southern, and Mrs. J. A. Schoen for Western.

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Mrs. John W. Gibson visiting her son, Laird S. Campbell, in Denver recently had the pleasure of attending Sunday morning services in two of the new Denver Churches, the Kirk of Bonnie Brae and Park Hill Congregational. She was interested in securing information about new projects with the idea of adopting the ideas used there to the needs of Wichita's new Southeast Community Church.

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DID YOU KNOW

The American Board has been sending missionaries abroad for more than 140 years. The job of missionaries is to extend the church. 2,042 mission-founded churches are listed in the current statistics of the American Board. Dr. David McKeith, Jr., our state conference guest, is Executive Vice President of the Board.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gossett, of La Guna Beach, California arrived in Kansas May 9, for several weeks visit.

NEW NATIONAL SECRETARY WOMEN'S WORK

Dr. Margaret Lee Hargrove. of Painesville, Ohio, has been called by the Misions Council to the post of National Secretary of Women's Work with headquarters at 287 Fourth Ave., New York. Her portfolio will be to organize and direct the efforts of over 600,000 Congregational Christian women in 45 State Conferences and over 5,000 churches. She will also have a major responsibility for publications in the field of Women's work and will edit the national program guide for this work called "Guide Posts."

Miss Hargrove leaves the post of Dean and Professor of Classics at Lake Erie College, Painsville, Ohio, where she has been a member of the First Congregational Church. She has been Chairman of Religious Education Committee of the Ohio Conference.

Miss Hargrove is much in demand as a public speaker. In leaving the academic world she says: "My belief in the church and my concern for the accomplishment of her Christian World Mission have been the dominant factors in this decision. "We will look forward to having her in Kansas.

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YOUR IMPORTANCE

National Moderator, Vere Loper, speaking to the churches of Grand Rapids, said: "Our Christian laypeople have a great work to do—as great as that of the clergy. They have no time for futile debate or needless attention to that which is important but not paramount. Many are dependant upon them because of their strength as Christian men and women. The minister, the people to whom the church ministers, the denominational representatives who serve Our Christian World Mission, all look to the laypeople with eagerness and faith.

KANSAS CITY RUBY ON MOVE

For proof, take a look at the picture above. The move was made necessary by school demands for the old site.

Sunday, November 5, 1950 as part of the morning services a processional was held to the new site at 17th and Ruby Avenue where ground breaking ceremonies took place, participated in by all departments of the church as well as by Herbert C. Anset, Architect and W. A. Kepler, moving and stone contractor.

Gradings and footings were completed and on Dec. 28 the first stone of the new church was laid. In the meantime the men of the church had removed the tower and all extras ready for the move which began March 6, and reached the new site on March 22.

Slowly but steadily work has proceeded and despite weather and labor difficulties, progress has been made. The corner stone will be laid May 27.

All contracts have been let. The architect affirms that we will have a lovely and worshipful building valued at $100,000.00. It is hoped that it will be ready for dedication by early November. Prayer, Faith and Work continue to be our slogan.

E. L. Baker, Minister.

Southeast Wichita Community Church Moves Ahead

On April 22 the new church home at 6000 East Harry Street, Wichita, was used for the first time. Attending Church School were 130 men, women and children with 40 in the Beginner's Department. The morning worship service had a similiar attendance. An open house was conducted in the afternoon with more than 200 people touring the building and grounds. Responding to an announcement that cookies were needed to serve with the punch at the open house, were 41 women.

FOUNDER'S DAY

This was a gala occasion with the Church School and Worship Service attendance overflowing the capacity of the building. All agreed that duplicate services must be held on succeeding Sundays, but all applicants for membership wanted to be present at the special Founder's Day service at 11 A.M. on April 29. Mr. Keith Roberts of Wichita Fairmount, with the ushers, had arranged loud speakers and extra chairs in all the available adjacent space adjoining the chapel. One hundred twenty-five were seated in the chapel room. It was a triumphant service with the pastor, the Rev. Richard R. Zoppel, bringing a message on "The Two Foundations" based on Jesus parable. About 40 of the 83 received on confession of faith were baptized, 9 came by reaffirmation of faith. and 100 came by transfer of letter, making a total of 192 CHARTER MEMBERS. Eleven were from Congregational Churches, but the remaining 181 were from many and varied Protestant backgrounds, with Methodists, Baptists and Disciples of Christ, leading the list. In those coming by reaffirmation of faith were some with Roman Catholic background. Their previous memberships were in churches located from Maine to California. All revealed great enthusiasm for the new project, the housing facilities and for the new pastor and his wife. Supt. Rymph received the Rev. Mr. Zoppel and his wife Rose Marion into the membership as the first charter members. Mrs. O. E. Bonny of Anthony furnished special music.

A WORKING FELLOWSHIP

Greeters were exceedingly busy at Church School ushering newcomers to their proper classes. A few of the teachers in the Church School were assistants from Fairmount Church, but most of the staff had been recruited from the new fellowship. The church building had been made ready by volunteers from the community. The new alter coverings had been constructed for the occasion, as had the communion cup holders. A work night has been planned by the men of the parish. One had only to watch the ushers as they unpacked and unfolded additional chairs, to note the pride and faith of these new venturers in establishing their church home.

THE FAMILY PATTERN

The vast majority of founding fathers and mothers are couples in their twenties and thirties, with a sprinkling of members in their forties. As you might expect, the nursery and Beginner's departments are the most crowded.

Many of these children are in Church School for the first time .For many of the young couples, it is the first common church home since their marriage. The family church pattern of church loyalty is giving basic strength to the church and bringing religious vitality to the family. Pilgrim Series materials are being used in all classes.

PASTOR AND PEOPLE

The Rev. Richard Zoppel had called in the homes of all 192 charter members previous to Founder's Day. Although he had been in the parish less than a month, he was able to call all members by name as he greeted them at the door. Rose Marion Zoppel, wife of the minister, was busy serving as hostess and directing the Church School activities. The Zoppel's have four rooms to call their own, but have been keeping open house daily to those interested in the church building and program. The outdoor picnic and swimming pool facilities will be used also in the program of social outreach and religious inspiration. As this new community, with none of the houses more than two years old, the program of outreach and social service is a real need. The Southeast Community Church Center is fast meeting this need and becoming a center of Christian friendship and service. The minister in writing of his experiences of the past four weeks says: "Though we have been here only a few weeks, so many things have happened that it seems it could have been a year. We are happy in the response of the people, and the promise for future growth and service."

And so a venture of faith in southeast Wichita is being rewarded with a warm and hearty response on the part of pastor and people.

DIAMOND JUBILEE AT TOWANDA

The 75th anniversary committee at Towanda Christian Church provided a full day of activity on April 29 in celebration of their 75th birthday. Mr. B. F. Carter, chairman of the committee had written invitations to former members, who came from as far south as Texas and as far west as California.

Former ministers present were the Rev. Penn S. Chambers, the Rev. Fred Bolton and Mrs. R. C. McCoy, all of Wichita, the Rev. C. G. Nelson of Wakefield, and the Rev. Roy Hendrickson of Lincoln. Neighboring churches with delegations were Maize, Whitewater, Cumberland, and Independence. The mixed quartet that sang at the 50th anniversary repeated numbers used on that occasion. Two members of the quartet came from Austin, Texas.

Some 200 people shared the fellowship dinner that followed the morning service. It was a joyous occasion with an informal program. The Rev. Roy Hendrickson brought the morning message. He was the minister at the time the church building was erected as a memorial to the first pastor, the Rev. Mr. Mooney. The afternoon message was brought by the Rev. Fred Bolton who was pastor 25 years ago. At the evening service, the Rev. J. D. Schmidt, State Moderator brought greetings and Supt. Rymph brought the message.

The church basement had received a new coat of paint for the occasion and the sanctuary was profusely decorated with flowers. The Rev. H. M. Parks, pastor, presided and acted as host and director of activities. Mr. Elmer Moore of the Whitewater Federated Church sang two solo numbers. The Towanda male quartet was featured on the evening program.

One cannot attend a gathering of this kind without realizing that the old ties that have bound together these Christian Colony groups in Christian fellowship are strong. Everyone rejoices that the Towanda church is witnessing better days as it gathers to itself new strength to match the days of its greatest glory when the lovely Mooney Memorial Church building was erected. The Church plant is one of the best in any small village in our state.

CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

The Church School at Lawrence Plymouth has a Student Council composed of a boy and girl representative from each grade, fourth through Junior Hi. Council members cooperate with the minister of education, teachers, and the Board of Religious Education in planning the over-all program of the Church School.

One of the major functions of the Council is to study projects and determine which might receive gifts from the boys and girls of the church. Prior to Christmas this group concluded that American Indians were among the most needy people in our own country, and that Japanese students in Christian colleges in Japan and in America also needed aid. The Council sent two of its members to the Prudential Board of the Church with the suggestion that White Gifts be brought on Christmas Sunday in order that food, clothing and money might be sent to migrant Indians in South Dakota, and to students in Kobe College in Japan. The Prudential Board adopted the recommendation and the gifts were sent. Members of the Council planned and conducted the White Gift service in which the entire congregation shared.

Because a Mom-and-Pop dinner given for the Junior and Senior High School young people was so successful, the Student Council voted to sponsor similar occasions in other age groups. Two such events have been held.

Members of the Student Council are: Marilyn Workman, chairman, Robert Nichols, Allen Hill, Sally L'Ecuyer, Paul Rogers, and Jean Shultz.

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH

The dedication of the new church building is set for June 17. The church is greatly enjoyed each Sunday by more than a hundred people and services are held each Thursday also. New pews have recently been installed, the kitchen modernized with built-in cabinets and hot and cold water, asphalt tile covers the basement floors, a new piano has been purchased and other improvements added. Much of the work has been done by the loyal members. This church is giving consideration to supporting a missionary on the foreign field. Their giving to Our Christian World Mission is the highest per capita in the state.

ALL CHURCH DINNER

Great Bend had a covered dish dinner on April 22, at which new members were honor guests. The movie "Again Pioneers" was shown. June 3 to 9 they will conduct a Laboratory School with expert leadership in all departments. Miss Florence Carmichael of Indianapolis, Indiana will be guest leader. Special evening sessions will be held for those that cannot attend in the daytime.

KIOWA

Easter Sunday and the following week a total of 22 adults united with the church. Five children were baptized. An active mens organization meets each month. Supt. Rymph was their guest on May 13 and 14. The Rev. A. H. White is supply pastor.

MARVIN BROWN TO ILIFF

Garden City Congregational Church has given their pastor, the Rev. Marvin Brown a leave of absence to do some advance study at Iliff Theological Seminary in Denver beginning June 1st. Interim leadership will be secured to carry on the church program with Mr. Brown giving some supervision.

A BABY BOY

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rymph of Hays, Kansas on April 2, a boy, William Coffey Rymph.

NEW EDUCATIONAL PLANT

Plans are underway for the construction of an educational building at Wichita Fairmount. Mr. Curtis Shumacher, Financial Advisor for the Board of Home Missions will spend the week of June 3 with the church. A large group of men will be trained for the financial canvass which will be conducted on June 10. Construction on the new building to cost around $75.000.00 will begin in late summer or early fall. The Rev. George Fisk is minister.

CUP OF COFFEE CLASS

This class of the Ottawa Church School meets in the church kitchen. They have recently completed a study on the theme "Christianity Changes Things."

DADS AND LADS NIGHT

About 75 men and boys were in attendance at the Maize Church recently for this annual event. A delicious banquet was served and a program was furnished by local talent.

HORROR, HUNGER, HEARTACHE

Word has just been received from the Mission Council that our funds for Relief and Reconstruction are falling far short of the needs, and the pitifully small assistance planned is now having to be curtailed because our gifts are so far short of expectations. A 12% added gift from each church will be necessary if our share in Korea and other war torn areas is to be met. Won't you plan a way to give an extra 12% before 1951 closes?

HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Couples Class were hosts at an open house held in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles M. Good. The Good's were presented with the key to a frozen food locker rented by the class. Members and friends had filled the locker to the brim with a variety of foods. Additional gifts were also presented. Six new members were added to the church on Palm Sunday. A Junior Hi Pilgrim Fellowship has been organized with Mrs. Otis Dutton, sponsor. Fourteen members meet each Suday evening at 6:30.

GARDEN CITY DEDICATION

Plans include a banquet on May 18 featuring the history of the town and church. Dedication of the Family Chapel on May 20 at 9 A.M. with baptisms and prayers. Dedication of the Church School facilities at 10 A.M. Service of Worship and Dedication with Supt. Rymph bringing the message at 11 A.M. Open House throughout the church from 2 to 5 Sunday afternoon.

MAY FETE

Topeka Seaman Guild presented a gala May Day Fete on May 1st. Decorations presented the seasons of the year. Everything was beautifully planned to usher in the "Month of Flowers." Color movies entitled "Summer Interlude" were shown by Steve Smith. Profits from the ticket sale were used for the many good things the Guild does for Seaman Church.

FALL MASS MEETING

September 9 and 10 — Wichita Plymouth.

Our Christian World Mission

SECOND MILE GIFTS — INCLUDING ONE GREAT TIME OF SHARING

KANSAS REPORT TO APRIL 25, 1951

Church	1951 O.C.W.M.	Paid	Second Mile Paid
Almena	$ 350.00	$	$ .....
Anthony	500.00	125.00	106.14
Ash Rock	50.00	.....	.....
*Athol	100.00	50.00	.....
*Carbondale	100.00	30.00	12.00
*Centralia	300.00	75.00	.....
Cora	50.00	.....	.....
Council Grove	300.00	.....	.....
Cumberland	60.00	15.00	.....
Dover	100.00	87.92	.....
Downs	325.00	62.50	75.38
*Ellis	300.00	75.00	100.00
Emporia 1st	1,250.00	337.50	207.00
* " Sardis	200.00	50.00	.....
*Eureka	500.00	137.45	94.60
*Ford	400.00	100.00	40.50
Garden City	800.00	368.66	.....
*Garfield	150.00	37.50	.....
Gaylord	.....	.....	31.41
Great Bend	2,000.00	.....	.....
*Haven	300.00	75.00	.....
Hiawatha	100.00	40.00	.....
*Hutchinson	400.00	135.00	123.15
*Independence	200.00	100.00	75.87
Kansas City			
* 1st Pilgrim	600.00	150.00	.....
* Prairie Vill.	750.00	294.13	.....
* Rosedale	450.00	112.50	.....
* Ruby	350.00	116.72	59.35
* Welborn	800.00	400.00	.....
Kinsley	500.00	.....	.....
Kiowa	124.00	62.00	68.16
Kirwin	75.00	75.00	12.85
Lawrence Ply	3,600.00	1,200.00	168.46
Leavenworth	350.00	80.00	.....
Lenora	300.00	300.00	79.08
Leona	50.00	.....	.....
Lincoln	100.00	25.00	14.50
Little River	200.00	200.00	.....
*McPherson	1,000.00	250.00	17.72
Maize	186.00	100.00	16.81
*Manhattan	2,000.00	800.00	205.73
*Maple Hill	400.00	100.00	16.50
Matf'ld Green	75.00	.....	.....
Meredith	.....	4.84	.....
Milford	300.00	150.00	.....
*Mound City	.....	38.02	.....
Mount Hope	500.00	.....	.....
Muscotah	150.00	.....	.....
Neola	50.00	.....	.....
Newton	500.00	40.00	81.50
Olive Hill	100.00	.....	.....
Onaga	200.00	.....	7.09
*Oronoque	25.00	.....	.....
*Osborne	600.00	200.00	93.90
*Ottawa	500.00	125.00	60.10
Partridge	400.00	400.00	48.12
*Pleasant Hill	50.00	12.50	.....
Plevna	120.00	.....	.....
Russell	500.00	125.00	34.25
Sabetha	1,600.00	400.00	.....
Sedgwick	300.00	.....	.....
Seneca	150.00	.....	.....
*Smith Center	300.00	75.00	.....
*Stanley	300.00	75.00	.....
*St. Marys	25.00	3.82	11.00
*Stockton	300.00	152.00	.....
*Tonganoxie	300.00	75.00	.....
Topeka			
Central	3,300.00	825.00	.....
* First	2,000.00	666.67	87.93
Seabrook	300.00	75.00	15.00
Seaman	800.00	278.00	.....
Towanda	100.00	.....	.....
Udall	75.00	.....	.....
Wakefield	300.00	.....	.....
Wabaunsee	25.00	.....	.....
*Wheaton	150.00	37.50	19.73
*Whitewater	.....	450.00	.....
Wichita			
* Fairmount	2,100.00	525.00	.....
Plymouth	5,450.00	1,475.00	672.06
Undesignated			200.00
TOTALS	$43,215.00	$12,675.23	$2,936.94

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